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DEPOSITION OF A METAL LAYER ON  
SELECTED PORTIONS OF A  
SUBSTRATE

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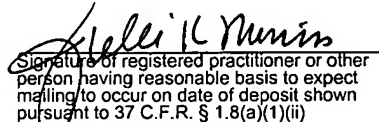
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The Applicants amend the above-referenced application, filed under 35 U.S.C. § 371, by submitting herein amendments to the claims as amended on April 20, 2004 responsive to the Written Opinion issued by the International Preliminary Examination Authority (Australian Patent Office):